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REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed November 12, 2003, the Examiner stated that Applicants' reply to the February 13, 2003 Official Action was not fully responsive but appeared to be a *bona fide* response. Specifically, the Examiner stated that Applicants did not (1) respond to the merits of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, (2) comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) regarding an apparent amendment in claim 1, and (3) respond to the Notice of Draftsperson Review.

A terminal disclaimer has been filed herewith obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claim 1. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Applicants' reply mailed July 14, 2003 indicated that claim 1 was previously amended. The presented claim 1, however, contained an inadvertent typographical error in line 3. The listing of claims provided herein contains the proper wording of claim 1 as well as the previously presented amendments to the other claims. Thus, this listing of the claims replaces all previous listing of the claims.

Formal drawings have been filed herewith. Thus, the Draftsperson's objections are moot.

In light of these remarks and Applicants' response mailed July 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13-16, 18-24, and 30-33.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully note that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 forms filed February 24, 2003 and September 12, 2003 have not been returned. Thus, Applicants respectfully request return of initialed copies. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of the PTO-1449 forms filed February 24, 2003 and September 12, 2003 are attached hereto. In addition, copies of the listed references can be resubmitted upon request.

Attorney Docket Number Change

Applicants respectfully request that the current Attorney Docket Number be changed to 14017-006001.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13-16, 18-24, and 30-33 are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at the telephone number below if such will advance prosecution of this application. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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